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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VERTICAL MESSAGING, BILLING AND PAYMENT SERVICES

Enclosed are:

Twenty-four (24) pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

Seven (7) sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

A Recordation of Assignment Request and an Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700.

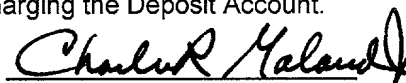
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| Independent Claims | 5 | - 3 = | 2 | X | \$80.00 = | \$ 160.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | | \$270.00 = | \$ |
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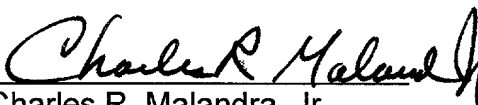
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Patent Application (24 pages), drawings (7 sheets), Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment and Recordation of Assignment, and Return Receipt Postcard was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on December 1, 2000. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EE628583719US.

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